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Letters of E. G. Lowrey, Washington correspondent of the New York Evening Post, who accompanied the Congressional Party. 

cessful effort to diversify the agricul- a duty on coffee. tural industries of this terrifory. Cof- WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS fee, vanilla beans, and pineapples are ALLEGED TO DO FOR BRAZIL all being raised successfully. The cofsaying greed, are eager to have a tax \$60,000,000 which is paid to Brazil in of three or five cents a pound put on cash. How does Brazil treat her cofmarket. Phrased another way, they port tax of 11 per cent., which has been propose that the eighty million people on for years, and which was imposed money raising coffee in Hawaii,

will try it at once. It is evident that these planters are Government now imposes taxes on cofgoing to make a strong and persistent fee equivalent to 11-2 cents a pound, effort to secure action from Congress. or an amount in taxation of \$15,000,000 It may be well to set forth their reasons for their demand. When the visit- not come from the American consuming Congressmen came through this dis- er, the intent is to have this taxation trict Mr. Bruner talked to all of them, enhance the value of the amount impresenting these reasons and arguments ported the full \$15,006,000. The United why the Congressmen should tax their of production of the coffee, pays the constituents to aid himself and his fel- Brazilian Government taxes of nearly low coffee planters:

A COFFEE PLANTER'S VIEWS.

"How is Hawaii to be developed along American lines? By placing a the Dingley bill applied to canned pineduty on coffee, and this duty need not apples, tropical America, and even litbe over three cents a pound on low, or the Hawaii alone, can supply the en-Brazilian, grades and five cents a tire American demand. This year Hapound on coffee of the mild or higher wall will export 150,000 cases of canned grades produced in Hawaii and Porto next year it is expected that the pack Rico. Such a duty would result in im- will be double this amount, which mediate change of conditions in all would be in excess of \$1,000,000 worth. tropical America, and would open up to cultivation immense areas unadapted to sugar that now are idle.

the Government had, and many took up pem. What does this amount to? the cultivation of coffee. Nearly all of "Singapore canned pine pple is put g en failures, and now are not cultivated, except in the vicinity of the sugar plantations, where they have been planted we have to pay the effect of 1 1-2 cents of the local Homestead law furnish a has free sugar; we pay 1 95-100 cents the protection of other industries be-

sides sugar in Hawaii. industry of the million people of the years of American possession, due en- Francisco at less than our local freight coffee a weak and struggling third. by American possession. The State Department negotiated trade concessions with Spain and France to recover in 000 to assist the sale of her coffee, What futile efforts, in the face of the fact that the United States needed this cofa protection on coffee. With a duty on coffee, great prosperity would immediately result in Porto Rico.

REPLY TO OPPOSING ARGUMENTS

"What are the arguments against a duty on coffee? I have heard two One was that the country did not need the revenue which would be derived from it, and the other was that it would be a tax on the breakfast table. I was in Washington two years ago to see Secretary Wilson to get his views of the probability and possibility of a subject, Senator Proctor of Vermont in the industry had every obstacle came in. Secretary Wilson said, 'Senator Proctor, I want to introduce Mr. duty on coffee.' 'It is contrary to the States. ideas of the Republican party to put Senator Proctor. I replied that I had or public buildings, or even the Paheard that political phase of the ques- nama Canal. What we want is protection before, but I desired him to give can supply in abundance with its asject. To this Senator Proctor replied | welcome, but what we require, what

that personally he was not interested, we are entitled to, is the benefit of that he drank an imitation of coffee. | the fostering care of protection to our "I would like you to analyze with me possible varied agricultural producwhat a duty on coffee of 3 cents a tions, so that we may live in prosperpound would mean to the American ity under American conditions. family. The annual consumption is about 12 pounds per capita, which would be equivalent to 36 cents duty EUROPEAN PLAN. 200-room reinforced per capita per year, or about \$1.50 for concrete building, containing all modern each American family a year, or 121-2 of the Iowa National Guard, who called conveniences. Reading Room, Ladies' Parlor, each American family a year, or 121-2 of the Iowa National Guard, who called etc. Rates same as before the fire 50c, 15c, cents per month. As a matter of fact, at the White House today, President st. Rates same as before the fife Sct. St. Cents per month. As a matter of fact, at the White street. Two blocks from Fourth and Market. From dock take street car and transfer to fee imported is about 7 cents a pound, at the White Roosevelt said: while the average retail price is about 18 cents a pound, and therefore were tify it quick." a duty of 3 cents a pound put upon coffee, at least one-half of this would come out of the large profits now made by the importers, roasters, and retail- President were inclined to connect the ers, which would leave then only the remark of the President with foreign equivalent of 75 cents a year for each newspaper reports, which ascribe great

HOLUALOA, Island of Hawaii, June any duty on coffee would have to come

"Let us look at coffee conditions elsecivil war, and in addition to this ex-W. W. Bruner is at once the most port tax of 11 per cent. there is an on the coffee the United States imports from Brazil. While all of this does States, in addition to the actual cost \$15,000,000.

"With the average rates of duty of pineapples, or 300,000 dozen cans, and

"Singapore is now the great canned pineapple center. With her Hawaii 3 cannot compete. Singapore has cheaper labor, cheaper tin, cheaper sugar, 3 "Prior to annexation Hawaii enjoyed and cheaper fruit. The duty on canned a local protection of a duty of six cents pineapple under the Dingley bill is 35 a pound on coffee, which was lost by an- per cent. ad valorem, and 1 cent a pound in case sugar is added, and sunexation, and the Hawaiian Govern- gar always is added except in water ment assisted coffee culture by exempt- goods, and yet the secretary of the ing it from taxation for a long term treasury has ruled against the imposiof years, now about expiring. Home-on Singapore pineapple, and we are steads were opened up on the best lands | left with only the 35 per cent. ad valo-

these homestead settlements have prov. up wholly by Chinese labor, and all the factories are owned outright by Chinese, except two, which are owned by Germans. Singapore has free tin; in sugar. The reasons for the failure a pound duty on tin plate. Singapore complete argument for the necessity of the protection of other industries be. cases or boxes; Singapore has only % cheap Chinese coolie labor; and, be- 3 "In Porto Rico prior to 1898 the main sides all these advantages in reducing the cost of its canned pineapples, & Singapore has free shipping, so that | island was coffee. Today after eight Singapore pineapple is landed at San tirely to the effects of the Dingley tar- to Honolulu with the freights thence iff, sugar is first, tobacco is second, and to San Francisco added. The average cost of production of canned pineapples in Hawaii is \$1.25 a dozen, or What has been done for the great Porto 22.50 a case, while the Singapore cost Rican coffee industry, the mainstay of should not be over 75 cents a dozen, a million people? She lost her markets or \$1.50 a case. That is, if we had free tin and free sugar and cheaper boxes we could produce canned plneapple at this rate. Now, at 75 cents part the markets lost. The Porto Rican a dozen, with the duty of 35 per cent. Government is expending annually \$25,- ad valorem, Singapore fruit would cost without freight, which is no more than our freight, just \$1 a dozen, or 25 cents a dozen less than the cost of production in Hawali. In view of this fee, annually importing \$70,000,000 fact, and also because this is an inworth. The remedy was a simple one of dustry now of very large proportions, both here and in Porto Rico, the rate of duty on canned pineapple should now be raised to an ad valorem rate of 60 per cent.

> GINGER ROOT AND VANILLA BEANS.

"There should be a duty on ginger root of 5 cents a pound and an ad valorem rate of 60 per cent. on preserved ginger. We can produce ginger of the highest quality, and all tropical America can do likewise. This is a likely industry, and, with the support of this protection, would soon assume quite large proportions.

"There should be a duty of \$1 a duty on coffee. While discussing the pound on vanilla beans. The pioneers thrown in their way, even having to pay a duty of 25 per cent, of the cost of the cuttings imported. Vanilla is Bruner of Hawall, who is a coffee the most common flavoring extract planter there, and he has been dis- used, and none is as important. Amercussing with me the possibility of a lean territory can easily supply the entire requirements of the United

"Our needs today are not Federal apa tax on the breakfast table, said propriations for harbors, breakwaters, tion to the agricultural products we me his own personal views on the sub- sistance. Federal appropriations are

### MUST FORTIFY HAWAII. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 .- To officers

"We must fortify Hawaii, and for-

Some of the Iowans who are not acquainted with the intenseness of the

## BIBLE READING MOVEMENT, **READING FOR FEBRUARY 5**

MATTHEW 25.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took lord of those servants cometh, and I.—Here in the Kona district of this out of the present unreasonable profits, their lamps, and went forth to meet maketh a reckoning with them. 20 big island is being made the most suc-dealers are against the imposition of were foolish and five were released to the maketh a reckoning with them. 20 were foolish, and five were wise. 3 came and brought other five talents, For the foolish, when they took their saying. Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: lo, I have gained other lamps, took no oil with them: 4 but five talents. Il His lord said unto him, the wise took oil in their vessels with Well done, good and faithful servant: fee raisers—and there are only a few where and see what the United States their lamps. 5 Now while the bride- thou hast been faithful over a few of them—inspired by the true spirit is doing for the coffee industry of groom tarried, they all slumbered and things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of the Brazil. The average value of the im- slept, 6 But at midnight there is a cry, lord. 22 And he also that received the of protection, which is another way of ports of coffee from Brazil is nearly Behold, the bridgeroom! Come ye forth two talents came and said, Lord, thou to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins deliveredst unto me two talents: lo. Brazilian coffee in the hope that the fee production? Besides the district arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 Brazilian coffee in the hope that the and State taxes, for it is the main in-impost will drive it out of the American dustry of many States, there is an ex-dustry of many States, there is an exgoing out. 9 But the wise answered, set thee over many things; enter thou of the United States shall be taxed to by Brazil immediately after the repeal saying, Peradventure there will not be into the joy of thy lord. 24 And he enable a hundred or so of men to make by the United States of the tax on coffee some years after the close of the to them that sell, and buy for your- thou art a hard man, reaping where selves. 10 And while they went away thou didst not sow, and gathering intelligent and the largest coffee planter extra export tax, or sur-tax, as it is to buy, the bridegroom came; and they where thou didst not scatter; 25 and I in this district. He is also one of the termed, of 60 cents a bag imposed by that were ready went in with him to was afraid, and went away and hid in this district. He is also one of the Brazil last December under the Valor- the marriage feast; and the door was thine own. 26 But his lord answered strongest advocates of an import duty. Israzii iast December under the Brazilian shut. 11 Afterward came also the and said unto him, Thou wicked and other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open slothful servant, thou knewest that I to us. 12 But he answered and said, reap where I sowed not, and gather Verily I say unto you, I know you not. where I did not scatter; 27 thou ought-13 Watch therefore, for ye know not est therefore to have put my money the day nor the hour.

it to another country, called his own with interest. 28 Take ye away thereservants, and delivered unto them his fore the talent from him, and give i goods. 15 And unto one he gave five unto him that hath the ten talents. 29 talents, to another two, to another For unto every one that hath shall one; to each according to his several be given, and he shall have abundability; and he went on his journey, ance: but from him that hath not, 16 Straightway he that received the even that which he hath shall be taken CANNED PINEAPPLES ALSO CALL five talents went and traded with away. 30 And cast ye out the unprofthem, and made other five talents. 17 itable servant into the outer darkness: In like manner he also that received there shall be the weeping and the the two gained other two. 18 But he gnashing of teeth.

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By H. M. Ayres.

"Oh, where have you been, you drunkard?" she said;

"Pray, where have you been?" said she;

"And the clock has just struck three-

"I've been studying with some Chinese friends

"Who has been standing you on your head

"I am not drunk, my dearsh," he said,

"The clock struck one as I entered-

"I heard it two times or three;

"Go tell your tale, you soak," she said,

"To your grandmother of the hoary head-

"And add that you tried to unlock the door

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Seeking the hole for the key;

A rent across either knee,

"I have not closed an eye in bed

"In the ash-barrel, tell me?"

"And so late it cannot be;

"The customs of Konohi."

"To the maritime cavalree,

"With a eigarette for a key."

"To any one but me:

packed hard.

In fair white draperie.

that received the one went away and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's things, I will set thee over many His lord said unto him, Well done, to the bankers, and at my coming I 14 For it is as when a man, going should have received back mine own

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